

UNAPPROVED D R A F T

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF COUNSELING
INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 23, 2009
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER: An Informal Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Counseling (“Board”) convened on Friday, October 23, 2009, at 3:18 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles McAdams, Ph.D., Chair
Mary Lou Argow

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director
Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director
Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist
Diana Pollick, Operations & Compliance Manager

MATTER SCHEDULED: Gary Pegeas, CSAC-A Applicant
Case No.: 128080

DISCUSSION: Mr. Pegeas appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated September 24, 2009, to consider his application for certification as a substance abuse counseling assistant, and to inquire into allegations that grounds exist to deny his application. Mr. Pegeas was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Mr. Pegeas.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a motion by Ms. Argow and duly seconded by Dr. McAdams, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation in the matter of Gary Pegeas. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Brown, Ms. Larimer, Mr. Opper, and Ms. Pollick attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.

RECONVENE: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Ms. Argow, and duly seconded by Dr. McAdams, the Committee voted unanimously that when documentation of successful completion of Mr. Pegeas's probationary period is received and approved by the Board of Counseling he be allowed to pursue certification as a Substance Abuse Counseling Assistant.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Charles McAdams, Ph.D., Chair

Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director

Date

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